

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A stream enciphering method for generating a cryptographic code by carrying out exclusive-OR operations between a plaintext code which is a secrecy object and a PN signal, ~~wherein a cycle contradictory to the basic processing unit of said plaintext code is employed as a cycle of said PN signal~~ said PN signal is formed such that the least common multiple of the length of a PN signal cycle and the basic processing unit of said plaintext code has a predetermined large value.
2. (Currently Amended) A deciphering method for deciphering a cryptographic code to a plaintext code which is a secrecy object, the cryptographic code being enciphered by a stream enciphering method for generating the cryptographic code by carrying out exclusive-OR operations between the plaintext code and a PN signal- ~~having a cycle contradictory to a basic processing unit of said plaintext code~~ being formed such that the least common multiple of the length of a PN signal cycle and the basic processing unit of said plaintext code has a predetermined large value, wherein  
said cryptographic code is restored to an original plaintext code by carrying out exclusive-OR operations by obtaining synchronism between said cryptographic code and a same PN signal as said PN signal.

3. (Currently Amended) A cryptographic communication system constituted so as to be capable of achieving cryptographic communication between a transmitter side and a receiver side, wherein

said transmitter side comprises:

a plaintext storage means for storing a plaintext code which is a secrecy object by each basic processing unit;

a transmitter side PN signal storage means for storing a PN signal which ~~has a contradictory cycle to the basic processing unit of said plaintext code~~ is formed such that the least common multiple of the length of a PN signal cycle and the basic processing unit of said plaintext code has a predetermined large value;

an enciphering means for generating a cryptographic code by carrying out exclusive-OR operations between the plaintext code stored in said plaintext storage means and the PN signal in said transmitter side PN signal storage means; and

a transmitting means for transmitting the cryptographic code generated by said enciphering means to the receiver side, and

said receiver side comprises:

a receiving means for receiving the cryptographic code transmitted from said transmitting means;

a cipher text storage means for storing the cryptographic code received by said receiving means by each basic processing unit;

a receiver side PN signal storage means for storing a same PN signal as the PN signal stored in said transmitter side PN signal storage means; and

a deciphering means for deciphering the cryptographic code to an original plaintext code by carrying out exclusive-OR operations by obtaining synchronism between the cryptographic code stored in said cipher text storage means and the PN signal stored in said receiver side PN signal storage means.